

**To:** Dimond, Jeffrey (ATSDR/OCOM/HCT)[hgr5@cdc.gov]  
**Cc:** Holler, James S. (Jim) (ATSDR/DTHHS/OD)[jsh2@cdc.gov]; Werner, Lora[Werner.Lora@epa.gov]  
**From:** Nickle, Richard (ATSDR/DTHHS/OD)  
**Sent:** Fri 11/3/2017 9:58:30 PM  
**Subject:** RE: media inquiry coming from Parkersburg WV (Ames Warehouse Fire)

I understand. The station took the flyer off the County's website and put your number on the bottom. Any press statements or inquiries should be going through the local authorities. There was a JIC stood up at the scene at one point, but the response ended yesterday. The JIC probably closed down at the same time. The email was meant for the agencies who were on scene. Obviously it is public domain, but we anticipated our email would be one piece of information used by the combined agencies to frame a picture of what was happening. I have no idea what prompted the state to put this out 4 days after they got our email or why they called it guidance. The state did share a copy as an FYI just before one this afternoon and that listed CDC media contact information. What was posted on the county website did not. I had no impression that this was going live tonight.

The other problem, which I hope is cleared in what they are calling the full guidance, is the part that Lora mentioned. We still don't know what was burning in the fire or what caused the fire.

Sorry for any confusion. I'm the ATSDR Duty Officer this weekend and I have been involved in the response to this fire almost from the beginning. If there is something you need us to do, let me know.

**From:** Dimond, Jeffrey (ATSDR/OCOM/HCT)  
**Sent:** Friday, November 03, 2017 5:32 PM  
**To:** Nickle, Richard (ATSDR/DTHHS/OD) <ran2@cdc.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: media inquiry coming from Parkersburg WV (Ames Warehouse Fire)

Hi Rich,

The problems are twofold: 1 – we haven't issued any cleared statement on this other than what we gave to CDC Info and 2 – the TV station in Parkersburg has published our media inquiry line phone number as a resource for the general public. The TV station's website has our entire technical assistance info on line now. I don't know what more can be offered at this point and there is now way we are going to get an interview approved at this point.

Cristina Cope is asking the TV station to remove the media inquiry phone number from the web site.

I'm not sure what else we can do at this point.

Jeff Dimond

**From:** Nickle, Richard (ATSDR/DTHHS/OD)  
**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2017 5:24 PM  
**To:** Werner, Lora S. (CDC epa.gov) <[werner.lora@epa.gov](mailto:werner.lora@epa.gov)>; Dimond, Jeffrey (ATSDR/OCOM/HCT) <[hgr5@cdc.gov](mailto:hgr5@cdc.gov)>  
**Cc:** Asbury, Loretta S. (ATSDR/DCHI/OD) <[lob3@cdc.gov](mailto:lob3@cdc.gov)>; Cope, Cristina (ATSDR/OCOM/HCT) <[kcu1@cdc.gov](mailto:kcu1@cdc.gov)>; Burden, Bernadette (CDC/OD/OADC) <[btb8@cdc.gov](mailto:btb8@cdc.gov)>; Edge, Charles (ATSDR/DTHHS/OD) <[ibd7@cdc.gov](mailto:ibd7@cdc.gov)>; Williams-Fleetwood, Sharon O. (ATSDR/DCHI/EB) <[sow1@cdc.gov](mailto:sow1@cdc.gov)>; Colledge, Michelle (EPA) (CDC epa.gov) <[COLLEDGE.MICHELLE@EPA.GOV](mailto:COLLEDGE.MICHELLE@EPA.GOV)>  
**Subject:** RE: media inquiry coming from Parkersburg WV (Ames Warehouse Fire)

For what it is worth, I'm on line now.

**From:** Werner, Lora S. (CDC epa.gov)  
**Sent:** Friday, November 03, 2017 5:15 PM  
**To:** Dimond, Jeffrey (ATSDR/OCOM/HCT) <[hgr5@cdc.gov](mailto:hgr5@cdc.gov)>  
**Cc:** Asbury, Loretta S. (ATSDR/DCHI/OD) <[lob3@cdc.gov](mailto:lob3@cdc.gov)>; Cope, Cristina (ATSDR/OCOM/HCT) <[kcu1@cdc.gov](mailto:kcu1@cdc.gov)>; Burden, Bernadette (CDC/OD/OADC) <[btb8@cdc.gov](mailto:btb8@cdc.gov)>; Nickle, Richard (ATSDR/DTHHS/OD) <[ran2@cdc.gov](mailto:ran2@cdc.gov)>; Edge, Charles (ATSDR/DTHHS/OD) <[ibd7@cdc.gov](mailto:ibd7@cdc.gov)>; Williams-Fleetwood, Sharon O. (ATSDR/DCHI/EB) <[sow1@cdc.gov](mailto:sow1@cdc.gov)>; Colledge, Michelle (EPA) (CDC epa.gov) <[COLLEDGE.MICHELLE@EPA.GOV](mailto:COLLEDGE.MICHELLE@EPA.GOV)>  
**Subject:** Re: media inquiry coming from Parkersburg WV (Ames Warehouse Fire)

Ok. This was prepared as technical assistance info for the responding agencies as they continue to address the incident and not really current “guidance” for the public. However, I understand the response agencies’ interest in being open and transparent with the public about our communications with them. Lora

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 3, 2017, at 5:02 PM, Dimond, Jeffrey (ATSDR/OCOM/HCT) <[hgr5@cdc.gov](mailto:hgr5@cdc.gov)> wrote:

Here is what the TV station currently has posted on the website.

<http://www.thenewscenter.tv/content/news/Federal-Agency--454982073.html>

**From:** Asbury, Loretta S. (ATSDR/DCHI/OD)

**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2017 4:03 PM

**To:** Dimond, Jeffrey (ATSDR/OCOM/HCT) <[hgr5@cdc.gov](mailto:hgr5@cdc.gov)>

**Cc:** Cope, Cristina (ATSDR/OCOM/HCT) <[kcul@cdc.gov](mailto:kcul@cdc.gov)>; Werner, Lora S. (CDC [epa.gov](http://epa.gov)) <[werner.lora@epa.gov](mailto:werner.lora@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: media inquiry coming from Parkersburg WV

**Importance:** High

Hi Jeff,

I’m not aware of an agency issued press release today about a fire in in Parkersburg, WV; at least from DCHI.

I’m including our Regional Director (Region 3), in this email chain for her awareness.

Lora – do you know if another federal, state, or local agencies has issued such a release.

Thanks,

Loretta Asbury

**From:** Dimond, Jeffrey (ATSDR/OCOM/HCT)  
**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2017 3:12 PM  
**To:** Asbury, Loretta S. (ATSDR/DCHI/OD) <[lob3@cdc.gov](mailto:lob3@cdc.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: media inquiry coming from Parkerburg WV

Hi Loretta,

We got a call from a Parkersburg TV station regarding a release we supposedly sent out regarding a fire in Parkersburg, WV. I think it's actually an EPA release, but nothing is showing up. Do you know anything about this? See the Huffpo link below for more info

**From:** Cope, Cristina (ATSDR/OCOM/HCT)  
**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2017 2:25 PM  
**To:** Dimond, Jeffrey (ATSDR/OCOM/HCT) <[hgr5@cdc.gov](mailto:hgr5@cdc.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: media inquiry coming from Parkerburg WV

I can't find anything. Can you please send to Loretta to see if she knows anything about it?

**From:** Dimond, Jeffrey (ATSDR/OCOM/HCT)  
**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2017 2:23 PM  
**To:** Cope, Cristina (ATSDR/OCOM/HCT) <[kcu1@cdc.gov](mailto:kcu1@cdc.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: media inquiry coming from Parkerburg WV

I did a general Parkerburg fire search and found this item. It looks to be an EPA issue, however. I'm not sure why we got called on this.

[https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/parkersburg-west-virginia-fire\\_us\\_59f25329e4b077d8dfc88cf6](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/parkersburg-west-virginia-fire_us_59f25329e4b077d8dfc88cf6)

**From:** Cope, Cristina (ATSDR/OCOM/HCT)  
**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2017 2:18 PM  
**To:** Dimond, Jeffrey (ATSDR/OCOM/HCT) <[hgr5@cdc.gov](mailto:hgr5@cdc.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: media inquiry coming from Parkerburg WV

Me either. I looked for EPA and don't think they did one either.

**From:** Dimond, Jeffrey (ATSDR/OCOM/HCT)  
**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2017 2:17 PM  
**To:** Cope, Cristina (ATSDR/OCOM/HCT) <[kcu1@cdc.gov](mailto:kcu1@cdc.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: media inquiry coming from Parkerburg WV

Actually, I am confused as well. I went looking for the release and can't find anything.

**From:** Cope, Cristina (ATSDR/OCOM/HCT)  
**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2017 2:16 PM  
**To:** Burden, Bernadette (CDC/OD/OADC) <[btb8@cdc.gov](mailto:btb8@cdc.gov)>; Dimond, Jeffrey (ATSDR/OCOM/HCT) <[hgr5@cdc.gov](mailto:hgr5@cdc.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: media inquiry coming from Parkerburg WV

Will do. I don't know what his is about. Confused.

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**From:** Dimond, Jeffrey (ATSDR/OCOM/HCT) <[hgr5@cdc.gov](mailto:hgr5@cdc.gov)>  
**Date:** November 3, 2017 at 2:07:44 PM EDT  
**To:** Burden, Bernadette (CDC/OD/OADC) <[btb8@cdc.gov](mailto:btb8@cdc.gov)>, Cope, Cristina (ATSDR/OCOM/HCT) <[kcu1@cdc.gov](mailto:kcu1@cdc.gov)>  
**Subject:** media inquiry coming from Parkerburg WV

A reporter from a TV station in Parkersburg, WV just called to try and get an interview with someone regarding the news release we just sent out on the Parkersburg fire. He would like to get someone by 5:00 today. I asked him to send us an e-mail request

CRISTINA: the Windows 10 conversion has wiped out my access to the Env Health mailbox, so please watch for this item.